1.3.2007. The order provides that any Company or Firm or individual which purchases wheat beyond 50,000 tonnes during 2007-08 shall furnish to the Central Government a return indicating the name/address of the company, quantity of wheat purchased and quantity of wheat held in stock. A notification titled "Rice (Stock Declaration by Companies or Firms or Individuals) Order 2007 has also been issued under the Essential Commodities Act 1955 on 27.11.2007. The order provides that any Company or Firm or Individual which purchases paddy (in terms of rice) or rice beyond 10,000 tonnes during Kharif Marketing Season 2007-08 (October-September) shall furnish a return to the Secretary, Department of Food of the State from where maximum quantity has been purchased. If the overall purchase of rice in the country exceeds 25,000 tonnes (in terms of rice), a return in prescribed format is to be filed with the Department of Food & Public Distribution of Central Government. The concerned State Government with which returns are filed will submit a consolidated monthly report to Central Government.

Mosquito coil formulation based on agricultural pesticides

2003. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received any applications on proposals for sanctioning household mosquito coil formulation based on agricultural pesticides like Bifenthrin, DDT, Cyperperthrin and deltamethrin;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto in view of health hazards to users by such agricultural insecticides; and

(c) whether Government has fixed any formula-rules for manufacturing household mosquito coils in the country so that users health could not be hampered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) to (c) It has been informed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, that the Central Insecticide Board and Registration Committee has received an application for registration of Bifenthrin 0.05% Mosquito Coil. The Registration Committee constituted under the Insecticides Act, 1968 (Under Section 5) registers pesticides only after satisfying itself their bio-efficacy and safety to human beings and animals after scrutinizing their formulae and verifying claims made by the importer or the manufacturer. The Committee has formulated the guidelines for registration of pesticides for use in household purposes, which includes mosquito coils also.

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has also formulated an Indian Standards on "Allethrin-Mosquito Coils" (IS13438:1992). This standard is voluntary is nature and prescribes the requirements and the methods of sampling and test for mosquito coils containing allethrin. There is no BIS licencee presently on mosquito coil.

Research on Homoeopathy

2004. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred by the Central Government on research in the homoeopathic